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Amendments to the Specification:

Please change to Title of the application to:

"SYSTEM AND METHOD TO EXTEND FIRMWARE CAPABILITIES BY LOADING FIRMWARE EXTENSIONS FROM A BOOT MEDIA."

Please replace paragraph [0016], on page 5, with the following paragraph. Additions are indicated with underline font and deletions are indicated with strike-through font.

"[0016] Firmware extensions may allow additional services to be added to system firmware without requiring additional non-volatile memory in the system. OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) and/or OSVs (Operating System Vendors) may place firmware extensions on a boot media (e.g., a hard disk), thereby allowing software booted from the boot media to augment platform firmware capabilities. Firmware extensions may enable reduced system non-volatile memory (e.g., flash memory), thereby reducing system costs. In addition, firmware extensions may free up the OS loader from having to re-invent code that may basically exists exist in platform firmware in certain situations."

Please replace paragraph [0033], on pages 12-13, with the following paragraph. Additions are indicated with underline font and deletions are indicated with strike-through font.

"[0033] FIG. 2B is a block diagram illustrating interactions relationships of various components of an EFI specification-compliant system that are used to accomplish platform and OS boot. The system includes platform hardware 230 and an OS 232. The platform firmware may retrieve an OS loader image 222 from an EFI System Partition 220 using an EFI OS loader 224."

Please replace paragraph [0036], on pages 13-14, with the following paragraph. Additions are indicated with underline font and deletions are indicated with strike-through font.

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"[0036]   Once started, an OS loader continues to boot the complete OS 232, and in so doing, may use EFI boot services 226 and interfaces or other specifications to survey, comprehend and initialize the various platform components and the OS software that manages them. Thus, interfaces 234 from other specifications may also be present on the platform. For example, the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) (see URL http://acpi-info/index-html) and the System Management BIOS (SMBIOS) (see URL http://developer-intel-com/ial/WfM/design/BIBLIOG.HTM) from the Wired for Management (WfM) specification may be supported. Please note that Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) have been modified to omit the "http//" prefixes, as well as replace periods with dashes, to avoid being automatically converted into hyperlinks."

Please replace paragraph [0052], on page 19, with the following paragraph. Additions are indicated with underline font and deletions are indicated with strike-through font.

"[0052]   Next, the system boots up using the platform firmware (410). Then, the platform firmware and firmware extensions load and run an OS loader (415)."

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